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GOLD IN CALIFORNIA.

THE STORY OF ITS DISCOVERER.

James Wilson Marshall, The Man Who First Discovered the Precious Metal on the Pacific Coast.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

To James Wilson Marshall the world is indebted for a discovery which started the astonishing prosperity of California, and made an epoch in history. His name will live in history, and his poverty is a reproach which the citizens of the great and flourishing State in which he resides ought promptly to remove. The foundation of California's wealth was laid by his intelligence and sagacity. In less than three years after the time at which he discovered gold, what had been previously to his finding the precious metal a wilderness country, was received into the sisterhood of the States. Sacramento has been commemorating the "admission day" of 1850 with pomp and enthusiasm, and the presence of the Governor and other eminent persons. What was said on that occasion of the value of Marshall's discovery, and the honor given his name, will, we trust, be supplemented by the substantial recognition of the claims of a public benefactor, now in old age and poverty, after a worthy life, not only to freedom from anxiety, but to plenty.

James Wilson Marshall was born in Hope Township, New Jersey, in 1812. After receiving a plain education he learned the trade of a coach and wagon builder. He was smitten with the "western fever" when about twenty-one years old, and having traveled in Indiana and Illinois, bought a farm on the Platte purchase near Fort Leavenworth. His health was poor throughout the period of his residence at that place, and when his doctor said he must either die or seek a change of air he packed up and left. It was on the 1st of May, 1844, when he joined a train of one hundred wagons bound for that (at the time) almost unknown land, California. The party reached its destination in June, 1845, and camped at Cache Creek, about forty miles from where Sacramento now stands. From that point its members took their several ways. Marshall and a few others went to Sutter's fort, Sacramento County, where he entered the service of General Sutter. About a year after this, and after Marshall had begun life in the stock business on a farm of two leagues in area, the Mexicans made an attempt to prevent a body of American emigrants from entering California. This led to the Bear Flag War, in which General Sutter, Marshall, and others assisted as volunteers under General Fremont, of the United States military post at Sutter Buttes, in defense of their countrymen. Fighting was frequent and severe. Marshall took part in all the engagements of the campaign, which resulted in a treaty, signed March, 1847, recognizing the independence of California. Marshall then procured his discharge and returned to Sutter's Fort. Upon his arrival he found that most of the cattle he had left on his farm had been stolen or had strayed during his absence. He therefore gave up his farm, and began arrangements to start in the lumber business at Coloma, Amadoa County, as active partner with General Sutter, who undertook to furnish the necessary capital. Work was begun on the mill in August, 1847.

On the 18th of January following Marshall was superintending the building of the mill-race. After shutting off the water at the head of the race he walked down the ditch to see what sand and gravel had been removed during the previous night. He strolled to the lower end of the race and stood looking at the mass of debris. At this juncture his eye caught the glitter of something that lay lodged in a crevice on a riffle of soft granite. He stooped and picked up the substance. It was heavy, of a peculiar color, and different from anything he had seen in the stream before. He reflected as to what kind of mineral the specimen could be, and finally concluded that it was either mica, sulphurets of copper—or gold. It was too heavy for mica, was not brittle as are sulphurets, and, remembering that gold was malleable, he placed the nugget on a flat stone and began striking it with another. The substance did not crack or flake off, but simply flattened under the blows, and Marshall was satisfied that he had indeed made an important discovery. In several days he collected several ounces of the precious metal, and as he had occasion to visit Sutter's fort in a short time, he took the specimens with him. He informed Sutter of his discovery, but the General was incredulous, and it was not until chemical experiments had settled the question beyond all doubt that he would admit the mineral was gold. At last all doubts faded, and the excitement began to spread. The news flew over the country like wildfire, and those whites who were then in California went into the quest for gold with great ardor and energy. Additional revelations were made daily, and the news of the discoveries was spread. Then came the mad rush from the East and the old world. It was a furious race for wealth. In 1849 every sailing-vessel and steamer landing at San Francisco was crowded with adventurers. They knew that gold had been found at Coloma, and many went thither. Without inquiry or negotiation they squatted upon Marshall's land about the mill, seized his work oxen for food, confiscated his horses, and marked the land off into town lots and distributed them among themselves.

Thus robbed of his property, he perforce became a prospector, but never succeeded in finding much gold. The neighbors who had despoiled his possessions added insult to injury by presuming that he knew the whereabouts of rich deposits of gold and refused to give information of them, and persecuted him on these false suppositions. To add to his troubles, the title to the land he had purchased prior to his great discovery was questioned, and he lost it all. Poor Marshall still lives at Coloma. The State has helped him a little, but only a little, in his hard fight against poverty, all the more severe by reason of advanced age.

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....	6.45 "	136	Cisco	5.50 "	5.50 "
....	7.15 "	144	Lytton	5.25 "	5.25 "
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Montreal	135 50	105 50	70 50
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5 20 PM	1st	0	Lv.....Portland.....Ar	8 10 AM	4th
6 00	day	....	......East Portland......	7 40	day
9 27	"	66	Ar....Hood River....Lv	4 12	"
10 50	"	....	Ar......Dalles......Lv	2 50	"
11 00	"	88	Lv......Dalles......Ar	2 40	"
2 55 AM	"	187	Lv.....Umatilla.....Lv	10 55 PM	"
4 20	"	205	Ar. Wallula Junction. Lv	9 20	"
4 50	"	230	Lv. Wallula Junction. Ar	8 50	"
6 55	"	214	....Palouse Junction....	6 55	"
10 00	"	245	Ar......Sprague......Lv	3 15	"
11 23	"	283	........Cheney........	1 30	"
12 15 PM	"	....	.....Spokane Falls.....	1 04	"
1 28	2d	....	......Rathdrum......	11 57 AM	"
1 30 AM	"	....	.......Missoula.......	1 10	"
5 20	"	335	.......Garrison.......	9 10 PM	"
8 30	"	375	Ar......Helena......Lv	6 15	"
8 50	"	403	Lv......Helena......Ar	5 45	"
1 30 PM	"	622	.......Bozeman.......	1 45	"
7 20	"	702	.......Billings.......	7 15 PM	"
5 21	"	758	.......Bismarck.......	11 25	2d
1 25 AM	3d	1444	........Fargo........	3 40	1st
7 10	"	1639	.......Brainerd.......	9 25 PM	"
12 30 PM	4th	1911	Ar.....St. Paul.....Lv	4 00	"

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	Limited Express	Atlantic Express
Lv. Chicago via C. & G. T. Railway	3.21 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Ar. Port Huron	1.20 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
" London	4.50 A.M.	11.20 A.M.
" Hamilton	6.50 A.M.	1.55 P.M.
" Suspension Bridge	8.05 A.M.	3.15 P.M.
" Buffalo	9.15 A.M.	5.10 P.M.
" Toronto	8.30 A.M.	7.10 P.M.
" Montreal	7.00 P.M.	7.15 A.M.
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TERMS—Strictly in advance.

WE are requested to state that the Lieutenant Governor will hold the usual reception on New Year's Day at Government House, between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 p. m.

THE rumored death of Kossuth is denied. The venerable patriot is said to be in excellent health.

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Washington Territory has gone to Rome in compliance with a rule obliging every Bishop to visit the sovereign Pontiff once in every ten years.

THE New York Board of Trade has voted to submit with favorable recommendation to the National Board the proposition that a reciprocity treaty with Canada is desirable.

OVER twenty thousand Germans are employed in London monopolizing almost entirely the barber, tailor and waiter trades. They work for far lower wages than the English used to get, and wages in the three occupations have been lowered to the German standard. As a result, there is a bitter feeling against the Germans.

THE *Standard's* libel suit has collapsed, or been withdrawn. The Provincial Secretary made a most egregious blunder when he entered a suit against a journal for reporting, and in an admittedly correct manner, the proceedings of a meeting whereat he claims the libel was first uttered. We don't believe there is a judge or a jury in the Province that would have pronounced in his favor.

THE food imports into Great Britain for the year 1883 amounted to $584,213,665, which is calculated to be $16 39 per capita of the estimated population. It is the highest per capita yet reached, that of 1880 being $16 22 and the lowest in 1871. Between 1871 and 1883 the total value of all food products imported increased 79.9 per cent, the per capita value increased 57 per cent and the population 13 per cent.

THE advance in real estate in Rome is no less remarkable than the enhancement in other capitals and great cities. The Constanzi Hotel and grounds, purchased a few years ago for $60,000, are to be sold to a body of Jesuits for $150,000. It adjoins the Sallust House, which latter was bought fifteen years ago by a German named Spithover. He gave, in installments, $3000 for the property. At the present time it is estimated at $350,000.

A STORY of the generosity of Harry Hill, "the wickedest man in New York" is told by the telegraph. Hills' cashier, named Campbell, was detected in defrauding his employer, his rascalities covering a period of ten years and amounting to $100,000. Upon assigning his private property to Hill, he was told, "you have been ungrateful, but as you have a wife and a child I'll let up. Hill paid the lawyers' fees and let the cashier depart in peace.

THE English press has taken up the discussion of the ruthless cutting away of American forests. The most gloomy future is predicted for a country so shortsighted or ignorant as to denude its hills of the sheltering vegetation which alone retains moisture on their slopes and retards the flow of water to the streams. It is just to reprimand Americans for their folly in this particular, but unfair to accuse them of ignorance. They are fully informed of the essential value of forests, but the present generation is more anxious to gain immediate wealth in money than to guard the lands for the future.

THE Bennett-Mackay Atlantic cable has already proved so successful, by its taking the initiative in cutting rates on cablegrams to Great Britain, Ireland and France down to forty cents per word, as to cause the United States Cable company and the French Cable company to do business at the same figure. Press rates have also been lowered over one hundred per cent., which will now ensure more complete information in detailing foreign news. Bennett and Mackay deserve well of the republic of letters, as well as of the republic of the people, on this score.

THEFT is regarded in Scotland, as in England, as a good deal worse than murder. At the high court of justiciary, in Edinburgh, Lord Young condemned a man to two months' imprisonment for having knocked his wife down and kicked her to such an extent that she almost immediately died fron lesion of the brain. The next prisoner was convicted of having stolen a letter containing two half-sovereigns and sixty stamps. His sentence was five years' penal servitude. Labouchere says: "The moral of this is, kill your wife, but never commit the far greater crime of stealing a postage stamp."

THE chief stimulant for ordinary use among the men engaged in the Nile flotilla is rum. It is sent out in large quantities from the Royal victualing yard at Deptford, where, by a special process, the heavy portion of the alcohol is got rid of and that of lighter specific gravity is retained, thereby rendering the rum light and exhilarating, instead of stupefying and intoxicating. The scientific treatment to which the rum is subjected removes, with the heavy spirit, all its irritating properties and renders the troop who drink it cheerful, without being excited and quarrelsome.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.

The Standard, having returned to its normal condition, its last article on the personal property tax, is, as a matter of course, stale, flat and unprofitable. No person, that we are aware of, has ever questioned the provincial legislature's right to tax real or personal property, or their power to delegate that right to municipal councils. That is conceded by every person who knows anything about our constitution, and absurd references to the Hodge case, an entirely irrelevant issue, will serve only to cloud and befog a very simple case. The act of 1881 has given to the council of every municipality the power to pass by-laws "for raising a municipal revenue by licenses, taxes or rates upon persons or upon real or personal property, and for regulating the mode of assessing and collecting the same." But we hold, and in this we are sustained by the opinions of leading barristers, that in failing to define the limits to which a personal tax can be imposed, as is done in the case of real property, and in failing also to define exemptions, this provision of the law is wholly inoperative. There is a limit placed upon the amount that councils can collect from real estate, which is one and one-third per cent. of its assessed valuation. The absence of such a limitation in the matter of personal property, would give the right to councils to assess and collect to any amount, even to 100 per cent. To argue that such was the intention of the Legislature, or being the intention that it is operative as it stands, is the veriest nonsense. But the intention of the Legislature is best shown by what the Legislature has itself done. Each year since this act was passed it has levied and collected a tax upon personal property. Are we to understand that a system of dual taxation was then provided for, and that taxes on personal property were to be paid once to government and once to the council. This is what the *Standard* is contending for.

The act, evidently, is one of that kind spoken of by Dan. O'Connell, through which a coach and four might be driven without endangering the act or harming the coach. The clause quoted is, as we have already stated, too general, and without specific regulations, as in the case of real property, and machinery for its enforcement, is practically "not worth the paper it is written on," and wholly inoperative.

GOLD MINING.

The successful development of one quartz mine in British Columbia would be the signal for the formation of numerous companies to work the "leads" already located, and known to contain the precious metal in paying quantities. Even the influence of the railway in populating our country, great though it undoubtedly will be, would be insignificant in comparison to the effects of the "boom" that would take place were it once fully demonstrated that the gold-quartz of our mountains could be taken out at a profit. The doubt that has existed is due to the great natural difficulties to be overcome, rather than to any lack of richness in the veins already discovered. Large capital is required to provide machinery, furnish supplies, open roads, etc., and until recently a field was found in the mineral regions of the United States for the employment of all the money available for this purpose. The success of Mr. Girod in forming a company is, one would fain hope, the beginning of a new era in gold mining, which may yet rival the "golden age" of '49. The localities where the existence of paying quartz has already been determined are more numerous than outsiders imagine. On Hixon Creek, considerable expenditure has already been made, and the indications are very promising. On the line of the C. P. R., at Big Bend, excellent samples have been secured, and in the Kootenay country rich gold and silver quartz is known to exist. It has also been shown that the Hope "lead" carries large quantities of silver, which, but for an unfortunate misunderstanding in the company controlling it, could be mined at a large profit. Rich samples of gold-bearing rock have also been found on the Skeena, as well as in the Peace river country, and on Vancouver Island; in fact, auriferous rock has been found in many other parts of our province. These only require capital and skilled management to be profitably worked, and the success of the new company would be a great incentive to our monied men to embark in the ever seductive, and often very profitable, enterprise of gold mining.

THE NICARAGUAN TREATY.

The English view of the proposed abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by the United States, in constructing a canal through Nicaragua, is reflected by the London *Times*, which says:—"Cleveland's character, indeed his conduct during the late contest, leads us to hope that he will adopt a dignified and friendly course. We readily admit that the Nicaragua canal scheme must be judged in the United States primarily on its merits, without reference to English susceptibilities or even English interests. At the same time we occupy a position of almost impregnable strength in protesting against the policy which would constitute a deliberate violation of treaty rights. The Clayton-Bulwer treaty was expressly designed to cover such a case as that contemplated in the arrangement with Nicaragua. When it is proposed to abrogate that treaty by the will of one of the parties it is incumbent on the dissentient nation to justify that extreme measure by convincing argument. Meantime the obligations, legal and moral, of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, remain unimpaired."

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FROM VICTORIA FOR	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WED'SDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURD'Y
Nanaimo & Intermediate Pts	7 A. M.		7 A. M.		7 A. M.	
Comox			7 A. M.			

FRASER RIVER ROUTE.

FROM VICTORIA FOR	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WED'SDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURD'Y
Ladner's Landing, New Westminster and Pt Hammond		7 A. M.			7 A. M.	
Plumper Pass					7 A. M.	
Granville, Moodyville, Pt Moody					7 A. M.	

For Alert Bay, Metlakahtla, Fort Simpson and Way Ports. Steamer Otter, Capt. Meyer, will leave Spratt's wharf on Friday, January 2, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

NOTE—Freight for Hope, Yale and Points in the Interior must be shipped via Port Hammond. Shippers are requested to mark weight on each package.

No freight will be received after 5 p. m.

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Victoria, Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1884.

Arrival and Departure of Steamers.

FOR PORT TOWNSEND and all points on the Sound—O. R. & N. Co.'s steamers leave Victoria every morning, Sundays excepted, at 7 a. m.; standard time, or 8:30 Victoria time, making close connection with the N. P. R. R. at Tacoma.

FOR SEATTLE, via Port Townsend—The Ellen Anderson leaves every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7 a. m.

FOR NANAIMO—The Enterprise leaves Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., returning on the alternate days.

FOR NANAIMO—The Amelia sails every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Morning at 7 o'clock.

FOR BURRARD INLET—The Steam Schooner Grace leaves Turner & Co.'s wharf every Monday evening at 5 o'clock.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER—The Yosemite leaves Tuesday and Friday at 7 a. m.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE—Steamer Idaho will leave Tacoma every Sunday at noon, Seattle at midnight, Port Townsend at 8 a. m. Monday, arrive at New Westminster noon Tuesday.

Leave New Westminster 8 a. m. Wednesday, arrive at Victoria Thursday p. m.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER, PORT HAMMOND, CHILLIWHACK and way Ports.—The steamer Teaser leaves Turner, Beetor & Co.'s wharf Sundays and Wednesdays at 9 a. m.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—See F. C. Innes & Co.'s advertisement in another column.

—The Chinese gambling cases were today postponed for another week.

—A ball will be held at the Agricultural Hall, Saanich, on New Year's eve.

—The cold spell still continues, but so long as it remains clear it is quite acceptable.

—Watch night services will be held on Wednesday night in the Methodist Church.

—The "Farewell Leap Year Dance" on Wednesday night promises to be a very successful affair.

—It is stated that Mr. John Teague will be a candidate for Councilor for Johnson street ward.

—The Blue Ribbon Band has promised to treat its friends to a serenade this evening.

—Mr. M. Casanare, a French resident of this district, died at the French Hospital yesterday.

—Messrs. F. C. Innes & Co.'s have opened a real estate office at Granville, on Coal Harbor.

—The steamer Enterprise is being rapidly repaired, and will be ready for service in a short time.

—In Police Court to-day, T. Pamphlet was fined $10 and costs for assaulting T. Owens on the 24th.

—A social will be given in the Methodist Church to-night by the Ladies Aid Society of that church.

—The Foresters of Nanaimo are making grand preparations for a re-union on Wednesday night and a grand time is expected.

—The North Pacific to-day brought seventeen tons of merchandise consisting of flour, etc., from Portland.

—The barge Taylor was towed here from Departure Bay yesterday by the Pilot. She brought 450 tons of coal for the Central coal yard.

—The steamer Yosemite took up a large amount of freight for the mainland this morning. She also had a fair passenger list.

—The Belmont Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company return thanks to those who assisted in extinguishing the late fire.

—After discharging naval stores at Esquimalt, the bark Rover of the Seas will come to this city and unload the remainder of her cargo.

—It was unusually quiet along the wharves to-day. The Yosemite was the only vessel of importance to depart, and the North Pacific and Nanaimo boats the only arrivals of note.

—O! ma, do come to the Indian Bazaar, on Johnson street, and buy me a pair of silver bracelets. The Indians make them, and they are pretty and fashionable.

—Intending investors in Coal Harbor should call upon Messrs. F. C. Innes & Co., at Granville, who will show them over the different properties which are offered for sale.

—Two sleigh loads of the demi mondes came in collision on Yates street last night. One of the sleighs was broken and considerable loud talking indulged in.

—The liquor license commissioners met yesterday but adjourned till after the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, as to the legality of the act, has been published.

—A baker, who has for some time been indulging too freely in stimulants, was removed to the jail to-day for safe keeping as he was suffering from an attack of delerium tremens.

—Citizens of Blaine, an ambitious little town just born, near the British Columbia line beyond Semiahmoo, want help to make their place the Chicago of the northwest.—P.T. Argus.

—The cold snap still continues, but the sun shines brightly and the air is pure and bracing. Dispatches from along the line of the Canadian Pacific on the mainland report the thermometer as indicating considerably below zero.

—Those who have the handling of the freight and mails arriving in this city are not disposed to look upon the raising of the snow blockade with much enthusiasm. They will not lack sufficient exercise for the first few days.

—The following passengers arrived on the North Pacific to-day from the Sound: W Brown, Miss Pooley, J Williams, P Simms, Capt Logan, R Ange, B Wilson, J Eathorn, D W Smith, A L Preble, R Bain, W Wright and wife, J Ritchie, five Chinese, two Indians.

—The alarm of fire is becoming quite common in this city. Fortunately, however, the fires are not very destructive. For some unaccountable reason, the wood used in constructing buildings in this city does not burn very freely, and the flames are easily extinguished, even after they have gained considerable headway.

—"The TIMES' circulation is so small it might well devote some time to turning out a production for criticism."—Standard. Compared with the London Times, or New York Herald, our circulation is indeed small, but as compared with that of the Victoria Standard, it is very, very large.

—The Colonist flukes a very clumsy attempt at wit over Mayor Carey's supposed Irish accent. However open to criticism that gentleman's public acts may be, his language, both as to correctness and force, is of a much higher grade than that used in the columns of his would-be critic.

Worth Knowing.

At this season when every one is looking for a suitable present to a kind friend it is worth while to know the best place to buy. J. B. Ferguson & Co. have the finest assortment of albums, Xmas cards, bound books, toy books, etc., in the city and sell at reasonable figures.

We keep a full supply of the following kinds of inks: Walkden's Arnold's, Thomas', Carter's, Stevens'. T. N. Hibben & Co.

You can get the best value in overcoats at W. & J. Wilson's.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Reports from Various Provincial Points.

Press Dispatch.

DECEMBER 29, 1884.

New Westminster—The weather continues clear and cold. Last night the thermometer went down to 1 below zero; at 8 a. m. it stood at zero, and at noon it was 5 above. There is good sleighing.

Matsqui—At 10 a. m. the thermometer was 6 degrees above zero and there is one foot of snow.

Barkerville—The thermometer marks 32 degrees below zero.

Soda Creek—It is 30 degrees below zero, and a prospect of being colder to-night.

Clinton—The weather has been unusually cold during the last two weeks, and generally clear. The thermometer averages 25 degrees below zero, but is 30 below now. Three inches of snow have fallen during the last five days.

Spencers Bridge—It is 14 degrees below zero, and clear and cold.

Lytton—It is 10 degrees below zero.

Savona—The thermometer is 25 below zero and the weather is calm and clear.

Port Moody—It was clear and frosty last night and is the same to-day. The thermometer was 10 above zero this morning and the barometer 29.90. There is no ice in the harbor.

DECEMBER 30, 1884.

Port Moody—At 4.30 a. m. the thermometer was 10 above; at 10 a. m., 14 above. No sign of any ice in the harbor.

Matsqui—At 7 a.m. it was 2 below zero.

Hope—Clear and cold with no wind. 2 below zero.

Kamloops—Weather is clear, and there are four inches of snow. The thermometer was 30 below zero at 7 a.m.

Yale—It is clear and cold; 4 below zero and a strong wind.

Savona—It is 30 below zero, calm and clear with very little snow on the ground.

Barkerville—It is 25 below zero; very bright and clear.

Quesnelle—It is 30 below zero.

Soda Creek—At 8 a.m. it was 33 below zero, and there are no signs of a change.

Bridge Creek—It is still and calm; 30 below zero.

Clinton—There is a light N. W. wind blowing, but bright; 30 below zero.

Spences Bridge—It is 22 below zero.

New Westminster—The weather is fine. At 6:30 a. m. thermometer 2 below zero. No mud.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Supt. Roycroft, of the provincial police, arrived on the Princess Louise this afternoon.

Mr. Hunter, chief engineer of the Island railway, was a passenger this afternoon by the Princess Louise.

Dr. Trimble, we regret to learn, is confined to his residence through illness. We hope soon to see him on the streets again.

Mr. J. N. Muir, principal of the high school, left m company with his brother this morning for Coal Harbor. The latter will probably locate at that place.

Mr. S. T. Tilley, was represented in last evening's issue, as being superintendent of the Dominion fisheries at New Westminster. This was a mistake, as Mr. Tilley is commissary in the Dominion land survey.

Plush Mirrors and Frames at Waitt & Co.'s.

Eastern Mails.

It is now fifteen days since Victorians have been favored with a mail from the east, and from all accounts, it is liable to be nearly that many more days before we may expect letters and papers from the east via the Northern Pacific. The next steamer from San Francisco, however, will bring more recent mail matter from the east, but even that is some days distant. A Portland paper of Sunday says: "Upon a fair estimate not less than 1500 sacks of mail are between Portland and The Dalles, the result of the snow blockade. The most of this mail can be brought within 50 miles of Portland by train, and the trains run 20 miles east from Portland, leaving a gap of 30 miles impassable for engines. Still with this short distance 30 miles—not a sack of mail has reached Portland from the east via the O. R. & N. Co.'s lines. Why this should be is not wholly apparent. Men and teams have traveled the whole distance, carrying provisions to beleaguered passengers, and regular communication has been kept up between the railroad offices in this city and the snow-bound train. This being the case, there is no reason under the sun, except undue caution in regard to expenditure, why every sack of letter mail between here and The Dalles should not have been brought to this city."

MARINE NOTES.

The schooner Mary Ellen arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Victoria.

Ship Richard III arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Departure Bay with coal.

The steamship George W. Elder arrived yesterday at San Francisco.

Social Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given in the Methodist Church to-night, Dec. 30th, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. A very interesting programme has been prepared, and those who attend will undoubtedly be well entertained. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Consulate of U. S. A.

The offices of the Consulate will be open only from 2 to 4 p. m. on Thursday, January 1st, 1885.

—If Seattle's local troup of "Pirates" is composed of as fine talent as the papers of that city would have outsiders believe, they might give several performances in this city with good success. The opera is an interesting one and well worth hearing. By all means send them over.

—The person who sends the weather report from New Westminster, marks the thermometer at 2 below zero and then adds "no mud." He is evidently a dry joker.

—The Amelia arrived this afternoon from Nanaimo with the following passengers:—J Smith, Taylor, A Lowe, Bellahoy, J Dunn, Danks, Father Jouken, Rev A Wood, Hartley, Aitkin, J Dignen, Limboy, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Brown, Glendenning, Mrs Fuller, Bonsall, Perry, Mariner, Akerman, Father Rondeau, Newbeggin and wife, D D Moses and many others.

Hibben & Co. is the place to buy your Blank Books for the new year.

Photo Albums, Scrap Albums, at Waitt & Co's.

Overcoats! Overcoats! Overcoats! at W. J. Wilson's, Government St.

Harmony Hall.

Last evening the above hall was well filled with an audience consisting of both ladies and gentlemen, who had assembled to hear a lecture on spiritualism. Messrs. G. C. Colby and P. O. Chilstrom, the two gentlemen who are making a tour of the country in the interests of spiritualism, entertained those present with several songs, among which were, "When the Mists have rolled away," "My home on the Evergreen shore," etc. Mr. Chilstrom then read an address from manuscript, explaining the origin and history of spiritualism. He claimed that while all the other sciences had made great progress during the past centuries, Christianity still retained its old theories and teachings of by-gone days. At the conclusion of his, somewhat long, address, Mr. Geo. C. Colby, who claims to speak extemporaneously under inspirational influence, addressed the audience. He explained the principles of the belief and their tendency to promote morality and sobriety. Mr. Colby speaks very forcibly and fluently, but with a tendency to verboseity. He should intimate to the source of his inspirations, that the public prefer short, pithy speeches, without superfluous rhetoric. After some more songs and a collection the audience dispersed.

Secretary's Record.

The secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has furnished the following record for the month of December, 1884:—Calls on young men by general secretary, 184; daily average, 6; calls made on business by G. S., 280; daily average, 9; calls received by G. S., 215; daily average, 8; letters written in room by strangers, 208; daily average, 7; letters and post cards written by G. S., 498; daily average, 17; number of visitors to room, 2829; daily average, 98; letters of introduction to other associations given to young men visiting or removing to other cities, 16. The reading room is well supplied with London, New York, Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and local daily and weekly papers; also Harper's, Frank Leslie's, the Century and Edinburgh Reviews, and Cassell's publications, free to all. Free employment bureau and boarding house register. Writing material furnished to strangers on application to the secretary. Rooms are open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 p. m. The association desires to thank the proprietors of the Standard, Colonist and DAILY TIMES for donating copies of their respective journals to the reading room.

Struck it Rich.

Immense excitement was created at Santa Maria, Cal., a few days since, by the arrival of a wagon from Point Sal with two petrified bodies, which were accidentally discovered and dug up near the gypsum quarry. The first body was discovered by George Connor and George Holt, and they were reinforced by C. N. Clark and H. M. League, and the work of excavation continued until the second body was discovered, a few days later. The two first mentioned were prospecting the high boulder which protruded from the side of a ravine, intending to undermine it until it fell and disclosed whether it joined the gypsum vein, when they made the discovery of the first body. The bodies are those of a male and female, buried side by side, with a large stone between them. The male is the form of a large-sized man, well built, and a perfect petrifaction except the half of the left arm, which touched the large rock. Unfortunately the feet were broken off in disinterring. The other is that of a middle-aged woman, with remarkably symmetrical proportions, perfect in form and beautiful even in petrifaction. Their hands are crossed peacefully on their breasts, as though laid to rest but yesterday.

Letters Held for Postage.

Letters for the following are in the post office:—Jas Alexander, S Saanich, F Foster, Clinton, B C; Halstead House, New Tacoma, Mrs Marriner, Cowichan; Mrs G Young, Departure Bay; R D Creed, Tacoma; A Ellingson, Houston, Minn; John Behn, Baker City, Ogn; G E W Smith, City; Mrs Wake, Esquimalt; Mrs R Davison, New Westminster; Jas Fulton, Strabane, Ont; Hop Tai Wo Co, Portland, Ogn; T Postans, Ancaster, Ont; W Rickard (2), New Almada Mine, Cal; Dr Winchester, Santa Barbara, Cal; D Horlocks, Kamloops; Mr Locke, Walla Walla, W T; Miss G Parker, New Westminster; Mrs C M Wilson, Algonia, Io; B Ranson, Olympia, W T; D Cartmel, Esquimalt, M Chapman, Modesta, Cal; B Dixon, Tacoma.

VANCOUVER.

COAL HARBOR.

Messrs. F. C. Innes & Co. having opened an office at Granville, on Coal Harbor, intending investors can now avail themselves of the opportunity offered by examining, and purchasing directly upon the ground. The advantage of doing so is obvious, therefore, before investing your money you should see Coal Harbor and call upon Messrs. F. C. Innes & Co. at the same time.

Where is He.

A letter has been received from La Crosse, Wis., by Capt. Thompson, of the pilot boat Mary Taylor, making enquiries as to the whereabouts of one F. J. Sargent who is supposed to have left this city some nine months ago for Port Townsend. Capt. Thompson knows nothing of him but should this meet the eye of any person who does, information may be sent to THE TIMES office.

Dressing Cases, plush sets, at Waitt & Co's.

Canadian Wheat.

An English farmer who has spent several weeks in Canada expresses surprise at the ease with which wheat is raised and harvested. He thinks, however, that English farmers will continue to raise wheat with profit, partly on account of the large yield, and partly for the reason that the straw pays for the rent of the land.

At the Fire.

One of our young volunteer firemen, of journalistic proclivities, after getting a dose of water at the fire yesterday afternoon, was observed to make a break for the rear of the burning building where he engaged himself with a draw hook in pulling old grape vines from the withered trunk of a dead fruit tree. He evidently was not very fond of fighting fire, and preferred fruit culture.

Elegant.

Those jewel cases, work boxes, ink stands, writing desks and new Xmas cards at J. B. Ferguson & Co.'s are pronounced elegant by connoisseurs.

Vaporizing Inhalers.

Langley & Co., Druggists, are agents for Prof. Morse's vaporizing inhalers. Those who are affected with catarrh, coughs, colds, weak eyes, or any affections of the head, throat or lungs, can purchase the inhaler at their drug store.

Fine assortment of New Year calling cards at Hibben & Co's.

The Elections.

Councilor W. A. Robertson will offer for re-election in Johnson street ward and George Powell will contest James Bay ward.

The cheapest and largest stock of overcoats is at W. & J. Wilson's.

TELEGRAPHIC.

American Dispatches.

A Strong Protest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A memorial against the ratification of the Spanish-American treaty, by the leading cigar manufacturers of this city, will be forwarded to Washington to-day. The memorial states that the treaty would ruin their business, sacrifice the millions of dollars invested in it, and throw seven thousand laborers out of employment. The Cigar Manufacturers' Association of the Pacific Coast, has also addressed a letter to Senator Miller, protesting against the ratification.

Sudden Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—David Nye, General Superintendent of the North Pacific Coast Railway, died suddenly this morning in his office.

Pacific Coast News.

A Tragedy at Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, W. T., Dec. 29.—William Pearson, living five miles south-east of this place, stabbed his child and himself, and persuaded his wife to attempt suicide. The child is dead. Pearson and his wife are still alive, with hopes of their recovery.

Canadian Dispatches.

A Toronto Bruiser.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 29.—John F. Scholes has challenged Charles Mitchell to box for scientific points, with the understanding that the contest will be strictly within the limits of the law.

British Dispatches.

The Grand Old Man.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—To-day is Gladstone's seventy-fifth birthday. The occasion is being celebrated with great festivity at Hawarden. Birthday greetings reach him from all parts of the empire. The Prince of Wales sent cordial congratulations. Many Liberal bodies take advantage of the occasion to present "the grand old man" with addresses and expressions of continued confidence and profound admiration. The newspapers without distinction of party devote leading articles to a eulogy of the great statesman.

Marquis Tseng Warns Granville.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Marquis Tseng has warned Granville that the sale to France of seven vessels of the Castle and Monarch lines, now trading between England and the Cape of Good Hope, for the purpose of transporting French troops to China, is a breach of neutrality. The English government advised the owners of the vessels that no invasion or foreign enlistment will be permitted. The semi-official denial of the purchase by the French government is not believed. M. Codiot, brother-in-law of Rouvier, minister of commerce, had charge of the negotiations for the purchase of the vessels. L'Intransigeant charges that the transaction was a piece of official jobbery.

Foreign Dispatches.

Fatal Landslip.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—A fatal landslip occurred in the mountains near Perinia, and destroyed many houses which stood in its path, and buried forty-eight persons. Eighteen were rescued alive. It is reported that 200 persons were buried beneath a building of albunalas. Three churches at Antiquera were left in a tottering condition, and the inhabitants encamped in the fields.

Loss of Life in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—Further details of the recent earthquake show that 300 persons were killed at Alhama, and also half the population at Alkunuhas. Seven hundred and fifty buildings were destroyed at Perinia. The Government has subscribed $5000 to relieve sufferers.

A Phenomenal Journal.

Probably no paper ever met with such a quick and generous recognition as has been accorded to the Texas Siftings, the great humorous and literary weekly. It is now published simultaneously in Austin, Texas; New York, and London, England, and is credited with a circulation of over 100,000 copies. It is an 8-page, 48-column paper, and contains every year more than 1000 original illustrations and cartoons. Its good stories and humorous sketches are unexcelled. The publishers being desirous of increasing its already large circulation, are offering extraordinary inducements to subscribers. The subscription price of the Siftings is $2.50 a year. For $2.50 the publishers will send the paper for one year, and also any one of the following premiums: for $1.50 they will send the paper for six months, and, free, any one of the following premiums: For only $1 they will send the Siftings for three months, and any one of the following premiums: Premium No. 1—A cloth bound 608-page dictionary, with 700 illustrations. Premium No. 2—A cloth bound 512-page book, "What every one should know." Premium No. 3—The National Standard Encyclopedia, 700 pages, 20,000 articles, and over 1,000 illustrations. Premium No. 4—Three books for ladies. Premium No. 5—Heavy gold plated watch chain. Premium No. 6—Ladies' plated set of ear-rings and pin. Premium No. 7—Thirty complete novels and other works, paper bound. An improved sewing machine, improvement on those sold at $45, will be given to any one getting up a club of 20 yearly subscriptions. An imported China tea set (44 pieces) will be given to every one sending a club of 8 yearly subscriptions. Besides this, every subscriber gets whichever of the above premiums he or she may select. Fifty other valuable premiums for club raisers to select from. Address Texas Siftings Publishing Co., New York, for full illustrated premium list and sample copy of Siftings.

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You are Invited.

The W. C. T. U. and the Y. W. C. T. U. will receive callers in Temperance Hall, Pandora street, on New Year's day, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. A public meeting will also be held in the same hall at 7:30 in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Blockade Raised.

High prices have prevented many from investing in as many Xmas presents as they would have liked. J. B. Ferguson & Co.'s is noted for elegant goods at reasonable prices.

Illustrated books for the holidays, Waitt & Co's

If you want a good overcoat go to W. & J. Wilson's.

THE COLERIDGE AFFAIR.

The Family Side of the Story as told by a Son of the Chief Justice.

Stephen Coleridge, son of the Lord Chief Justice of England, passed through Philadelphia on Christmas day to join Henry Irving in Pittsburg. He gave in an interview the family side of the recent libel suit brought by Mr. Adams, who has since married Miss Coleridge. He said his sister had always been treated as a cherished daughter, and had presided as head of the household at her father's table. She received $180 a year as pin money. "Mr. Adams," he said, "is without a shilling. He is, or was the paid secretary of an anti-vivisection society to which my sister belonged, and she first ran across him in that way. My father, knowing of Mr. Adams' lack of position and ability to support a wife, very naturally tried to put a stop to the intimacy. He told Mr. Adams that he would give my sister £500 a year after her marriage. 'Is that all?' Mr. Adams asked. 'Yes,' replied my father; 'wait for six months. Try in that time, if you can earn sufficient means annually to support a wife. If you can do so, I will not endeavor to check the marriage.'"

"Mr. Adams," continued Mr. Coleridge, "did not make any effort to increase his income and before the six months' time had expired he returned to my father and demanded a larger dowry, with my sister's hand. This my father refused."

"Where is your sister now?"

"In lodgings, I fancy," said Mr. Coleridge, with a little shrug of his shoulders. "She left my father's house of her own free will before the case came up in its course. Even now she receives from my father $25 per week. Why it is that she should have advertised for pupils, or to take the part of a governess, I am unable to say, unless it was for spite."

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Oil is now extracted from the seeds of grapes in Italy. Young grapes yield most, and black kinds more than white.

An English firm has begun the manufacture of casks and barrels of steel. They are lighter than wood and more durable.

CLOTHING SALE.

During the present month I have decided to make a general reduction in the price of ready-made clothing, and will sell the same at 10 per cent. less than regular rates. A. GILMORE, Johnston street.

A tricycle postal delivery system is to be tried by the Postmaster-General of Victoria at Portland, Sale and Ararat, with the view of extending it, if it prove successful, to other districts of the colony.

The making of large lenses is a matter of many difficulties, as may be inferred from the fact that there have been nineteen failures to cast the thirty-six inch glass for the great Lick telescope to be mounted in California.

The Russell Property.

This property adjoining the Railway Syndicate's land on False Creek, is beyond question the most valuable that has yet been offered at the TERMINUS. Prices range from $150 to $400 per lot. For sale by Rand & Lipsett, Real Estate Brokers, Government street, Victoria, B. C.

At the Dime Museum: She—"Oh, look at that Indian with his feather headdress." He—"Yes, fine feathers." She—"Well, why do the Indians wear them that way?" He—"To keep his wigwam."

A fierce subscriber: "Sir, cuss your paper! send it to h——." "Thomas, change the gentleman's address! If Uncle Sam makes connection you'll find your paper there."

Latest News of All.

Drop the terminus excitement for a few weeks to come and attend to more important business at home. Buy the genuine articles for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS from Lange & Son, who guarantee their goods and the EFFECT produced at the presentation.

"The craze among Boston children now is the desire to play the violin." And we should think the craze among the Boston grown up people now would be the desire to get out of town.

"Your son is an actor, you say, Mr. Magginnis?" "Faith, he is." "Where does he act?" "Down the Bowery." "What roles does he play?" "Rolls, is it? Faith, he rolls up the curtain."

"Where have you been, Mrs. Shoddy?" "Down to the auction." "Buy anything?" "Oh, yes; bought the most beautiful book I ever saw—red and blue, with gilt edges." "What's the title?" "Well, there! I forgot to look at that."

"What a poor match Mrs. Smithers has made." "Why, I thought Smithers was a rather decent fellow." "No, he isn't. He is a regular calf." "Then I suppose she has taken him for veal or woe." "Probably both."

"Yes, brethren," says the clergyman who is preaching the funeral sermon, "our deceased brother was cut down in a single night—torn from the arms of his loving wife, who is thus left a disconsolate widow at the age of 24 years." "Twenty-two, if you please," sobs the widow in the front pew, emerging from her handkerchief for an instant.

The item was written, "London has a society to promote window gardening," but it appeared in the paper, "London has a society to promote widow gathering." Whereupon a rival editor wrote a scathing article headed, "The Mormons Must Go."

Bronze is a mixture of copper and tin, and sometimes lead, the proportions of which vary somewhat, but are usually as nine to one. It is often adulterated with zinc, but when this is the case its surface soon tarnishes on exposure.

In order to make plaster set quickly, mix it with water into which a little sulphate of potash has been dissolved; to make it set slowly, mix it with fine slaked lime. The time of setting may be regulated by changing the relative quantities.

It is announced that the revision of the authorized version of the Old Testament by the combined labor of the English and American companies of scholars, which was begun in May, 1870, is now completed, and will be published next spring in several editions of various size and type, by the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge, England.

ALL WOOL PLAIDS.

The fashionable all wool plaids, with plain material to match, have arrived by the last steamer, at the

ALBION HOUSE,
Brown & White, Prop's.

Letter and Copying Books at Hibben's.

We are selling the balance of our New Year cards at greatly reduced rates. T. N. Hibben & Co.

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More Coal Harbor News.

Now that the terminus question is settled and active operations will begin at once, Rand & Lipsett, Real Estate Brokers, Government street, Victoria, are prepared to sell property in localities where immense profits will undoubtedly be realized. Property may be purchased by the acre, block or lot.

Cash is King.

Remember, the Mechanics Clothing Store is the only cash house in town. Full assortment of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, Blankets, Gloves, Umbrellas, Trunks, &c., cheap for cash.

Pure wines, pure liquors and cigars at Fell & Co's

Plum Puddings and Mince Meat for sale at Fell & Co.'s, Fort street.

Wax Candles for Carriage Lamps, at Fell & Co.'s.

Convenient for Reference.

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Victoria, 30th Dec., 1884. dec30

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The Daily Times.

Victoria. Tuesday, Dec. 30. 1884.

A TEXAS BEAR STORY.

Bruin's Sunday Raid Upon a Hotel Dining-Room.

[Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

A party of hunters returning from a trip on the plains captured, eleven miles from Colorado City, a huge black bear, weighing in his half-famished condition about three hundred pounds. Sir Bruin showed little relish for his captors, and made determined resistance to the chains by which he was confined to a tough mesquite tree on reaching town. For days he would neither eat nor sleep, and kept the curious at respectful distance, as he paced unceasingly to and fro the length of his chain, rolling his bloodshot eyes and giving vent to his rage and fear in snarling, menacing growls.

On Sunday morning as the church-bells were calling the children from all directions to Sabbath-school, Sir Bruin waxed desperate, and with a powerful tug snapped the chain that held him, and was off on an clumsy gallop through town. A great hue and cry was raised and pursuit made, and as if by the irresistible magic of the famed "rat-catcher's" music, the throngs of children were drawn along in the chase, forgetful alike of home and catechism. People, roused from their late Sunday snooze, streamed into the streets, in all stages of undress uniform. Butchers, in their white aprons, with upraised cleavers, flourished their shining weapons in the safe background; dogs bayed, cats retreated bristling to the roof-tops. "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, lawyer, doctor, merchant, chief," all helped to swell the motley throng and add to the din and uproar.

Bruin, thus hard beset, and having long fasted, made a break for a large-paned window in the dining-room of the Rendrebrook Hotel, landing with a crash in the midst of the astonished guests, who "stood not upon the order of their going, but went at once" through all available apertures in the opposite direction. Their rate of speed was exceeded only by that of the woolly-headed waiters, who fled, gray with terror, dragging table-linen, silver, and glass in a glittering train after them. Amid the clang and clatter, Bruin placed himself at bay in a corner, unconsciously, but undeniably "monarch of all he surveyed."

Brief, however, was his reign. Soon a cowboy, entering the long hall, threw a lasso over his shoulders; a second and third followed, and the great angry brute was dragged into the street. Then a lively skirmish followed, causing a general stampede of the crowd, the three cowboys trying to mount their plunging, bucking, frightened ponies, who evidently did not like his bearship.

The feat was accomplished, however, and then came the "tug of war"—the harassed brute, fairly at bay, lunged to the right and left, while the ponies, with feet spread, bracing sturdily against the tremendous strains of the lariats wound about the saddle-horns, were with their riders dragged hither and thither over the hard, smooth ground. A girth snapped, and a saddle went spinning over the horse's head, leaving the nimble rider astride the neck of the snorting equine.

But the war was an unequal one, and Bruin, at length, utterly spent, surrendered, and sullenly allowed himself to be led off toward the Zoo in the park. Crossing the Lone Wall Creek, "Ursa Major's" spirit utterly failed him, and he laid him down in the shallow water and gave up the ghost. Disgusted with life in general, disappointed in particular of his meal of a blue-eyed baby left to his tender mercy in the hurried exodus from the dining-hall, Bruin felt that life was a delusion and a snare. Things were not what they seemed; so, slipping the leash, he went in search of the happy hunting-grounds, to take his chances at "hide and go seek" with his more familiar foe, the red man.

FOOD ADULTERATIONS.

The Efforts Made in France to Guard Against Food and Drink Debasement.

[Demorest's Monthly.]

In Paris there is a real effort on the part of the municipal Government to protect the public against food and drink adulterations. The following is the report of the Paris Bureau for last July:

	No. Examined.	Reported Good.		No. Examined.	Reported Good.
Wines	552	113	Butters	13	11
Vinegars	14	6	Oils	8	5
Beers	21	16	Flours	6	5
Ciders	17	7	Meats	2	0
Alcohols and			Peppers	5	1
Liquors	16	6	Coffees,		
Waters	19	6	Teas, etc.	7	6
Milks	433	327	Chocolates	14	7

It will be noticed that the substances most adulterated are wines, and this in the capital of the greatest wine country in the world. The manipulators of intoxicating drinks, even of the least harmful kind, are among the most conscienceless of men. They use any drug or poison by which to make money; but this subject of food is a vital one, and every Government should protect its people against traders that use adulterants of any kind. Fortunately for mankind many of the necessaries of life can not be so tampered with. Bread, meat, vegetables and fruit can not be adulterated. Coffee is so cheap that it does not pay to put chicory in it as it once did; but there is danger in milk and in nearly all the liquids except water that man consumes. Alcohol in its best form is bad enough, but spirits of all kinds afford the greatest temptation to dealers in pernicious adulterants.

The Leg for an Arctic Climate.

[Brooklyn Eagle.]

All Smith Sound explorers have something to say of the Esquimaux with the wooden leg. Everybody knows, of course, that timber does not grow in that part of the world, and the man with the wooden leg must be quite a curiosity to the Ellesmere Land Esquimaux, who occasionally visit their friends on the Greenland coast. His name is Arrowtah. One day, when he was quite a boy, he was out on a hill hunting birds, when a great stone rolled on his foot and crushed it. His mother, to save his life, cut off his leg about six inches below the knee with a knife made of bone. Arrowtah survived the rude surgery, and grew up a stout young man, but was almost entirely helpless to his tribe, because he could only hop around on one leg. In 1849 the surgeon of the North Star, one of the Franklin search vessels, made him a wooden leg, which was repaired and renewed by Dr. Hayes, eleven years later. Twenty-four years after he put it on the Polaris party found him still stumping around on his good, stout oaken leg, and he could hunt auks with the best of his tribe, though the difficulty of traveling over the rough ice made him useless as a walrus hunter. Arrowtah at last accounts was very anxious to cross over to Ellesmere Land in search of a wife. He said none of the ladies of his own tribe suited him.

King John, of Abyssinia, has sent Queen Victoria a monkey. Now if some one will present her with a barrel organ, the Guelph family will have an opportunity to earn a living.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph.*

The sexton who threw over a metallic casket was angry when he was called a pitcher of bier.—*Whitehall Times.*

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"Indeed! Indeed!"

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"Under the care of the best physicians,

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REQUISITION.

TO R. P. RITHET, ESQ.

Sir:—We, the undersigned rate-payers of Victoria, having confidence in your ability and fitness for the position, request your permission to place you in nomination as Mayor for the ensuing year, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to secure your election:

Wm C Ward	J A Grahame
Rod'k Finlayson	C E Redfern
M W T Drake	J B Matthews
Henry Short	A McLean
W D McKillican	Wm Denny
Robt Dunsmuir	Henry Waller
Morris Moss	A R Francis
A P Briggs	D M Eberts
W G Pinder	Thos C Nuttall
A W Jones	H F Heisterman
W W Malachi	Henry E Croasdaile
Robt Ward	Wm Charles
D W Higgins	W B Smallfield
J Roland Hett	Wm Hammond
A J Smith	D R Harris
T N Hibben	John Finlayson
Thos Carrington	Joseph Hunter
C E Perry	M G Staples
G H Burns	David Day
A K Munro	W T Drake
Chas S Jones	F S Barnard
Geo Gillespie	Thos Allsopp
J Keith Wilson	J Liddell
Henry Rhodes	A A Green
E Muschamp	D E Campbell
Jno Crowther	Jas Burns
Simon Leiser	H Bornstein
C W R Thompson	J C Bales
E C Neufelder	Dixi H Ross
L Goodacre	John Partridge
James Johns	H J Hartnell
Jas Larman	J Guttman
E Metcalfe	Jesse Brown
J D Warren	Henry Saunders
Robt Elder	W J Jeffree
Alex Munro	T Lubbe
Jas L Raymur	Sidney J Pitts
E A McQuade	Joshua Davies
Wm Heathorn	Wm Wilson
Redon & Hartnagel	C Dawson
Edwd Mallandaine	D Simpson
G Cruickshank	John Grant
J Hawkins	J C Flett
James Flett	J C Leask
Paul Strakle	U R Robbins
Chas F Todd	B Van Volkenburgh
W Shears	T H Tye
A Ofner	J A T Caton
Jas Crawford	Wm Wilson
R B Thompson	Alex B Gray
F Adams	C Morton
Edgar Marvin	S D Nesbitt
M Gellick	N T Johnson
Francis Page	Jas A Fraser
John Ash	Edwd White
Jas Hutcheson	Henry Young
H Brown	M W Waitt
S F Becker	Thos Geiger
D Green	W G Lange
Lewis Lewis	H D Saunders
Wm McKeon	John Nicholles
R Lippett	Joseph Wilson
J H Todd	H L Jones
Geo W Haynes	M T Johnson
G H Lange	Geo Steitz

REPLY.

To The Ratepayers Signing Above Requisition:—

Gentlemen:—I have to thank you for your Requisition to allow myself to be placed in nomination for Mayor at the approaching election.

The large number of names, which represent all classes of the community, has induced me to comply with the request, and in doing so, I consider it to be part of my duty to express my views briefly upon the more important questions which are likely to engage the attention of the Municipal Council during the coming year.

The most important, to my mind, is the drainage of the city; I am strongly in favor of immediate steps being taken to accomplish this, and will advocate and support the most efficient and economical scheme which may be submitted.

I am in favor of an equitable revision of the assessment roll.

I consider the electric light, as at present supplied, altogether inadequate, and will further any reform in this direction which may be considered necessary for the more efficient lighting of the city.

I will assist whatever well considered measure may be submitted, for the improvement of the water supply.

If elected, I shall always endeavor to promote the best interests of the city generally.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

R. P. RITHET.

REQUISITION.

To Messrs. Robert Ward, A. T. Smith, W. D. McKillican:

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned Ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors to serve for James Bay Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Chas E Redfern	A McLean
J B Matthews	M W T Drake
Wm C Ward	Wm Hammond
G H Burns	A K Munro
R B Jackson	D M Eberts
Chas S Jones	D R Harris
Jno Ash	Geo Cruickshank
W H Bone	Geo Gillespie
T N Hibben	J K Wilson
Wm Wilson	A A Green
J Finlayson	L Allsop
J A Fraser	P B Brown
Walter Shears	S J Pitts
Frank S Barnard	Thos Carrington
R Dunsmuir	Henry Croasdaile
Jos Hunter	E Mallandaine
C E Perry	W S Pinder
J C Flett	Jas Flett
M G Staples	H Brown
A W Jones	M R Smith
Thomas Harding	J P Welch
W J Pendray	Edward B Irving
G M Irving	T L Irving
Andrew Gray	Wm Newbury
Jos Sommers	P T Johnston
Henry Young	Jas Hutcheson
H G Lewis	D W Higgins

REPLY.

To the Ratepayers Signing the Above Requisition:—

Gentlemen:—In reply to your numerously signed requisition, asking us to accept your nomination as Councillors for James Bay Ward, we have much pleasure in acceding to it.

There will doubtless be many important matters to engage the attention of the Council, the question of drainage being one of the most prominent among them. We shall give our earnest attention and support to the consideration of a well devised system of sewerage, combined with efficiency and economy.

We consider the means at present adopted for lighting the city are most inadequate, and we shall give our attention towards an improvement in this connection.

As we are of opinion that the revenue of the city can be considerably augmented by a revision of the assessment roll, we shall advocate a re-adjustment of it at an early date.

The inefficient water supply in various parts of the city is, in our opinion, a matter which demands urgent attention.

If elected we shall support any measure brought forward tending to promote the good government of the city generally.

ROBT. WARD.
A. J. SMITH.
W. D. McKILLICAN.

REQUISITION.

To Messrs. Thomas Earle, John Braden and John Grant:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors, to serve for Yates Street Ward during the coming year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position.

Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

Simon Leiser	S J Pitts
Wm K Leighton	Wm Chow
J H Turner	Robt Elder
R S Byrn	H Saunders
E A McQuade	J D Warren
Robt Ward	Jesse Brown
E Metcalfe	Jas L Raymur
J Gutmann	James Larman
T Lubbe	Alex Munro
H J Hartnell	John J Hart
Matthew T Johnston	W J Jeffree
D E Campbell	J Fullerton
Jas Johns	P T Johnson
John Partridge	E W Savage
John Crowther	W Heathorn
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M Gallick	H F Heisterman
S D Nesbitt	H L Jones
J W Todd	Edgar Marvin
Jos Wilson	F Adams
A A Green	A B Gray
Jno Nicholles	A J Langley
R Lipsett	A Lewis
Wm McKeon	Wm Wilson
H D Saunders	H Bournstein
Lewis Lewis	Wm Crawford
Geo Steitz	A Ofner
G W A Lange	W J Goepel,
D Green	T H Tye
Thos Geiger	T Baumann
T F Becker	W Shears
M W Waitt	Frank S Barnard
H Brown	Wm Andrew
Hy Young, per J H	B Van Volkenburgh
Jas Hutcheson	C F Todd
Wm G Lange, jr	Edward White
Wm Denny	Jas A Fraser
E Muschamp	Jas Doughty, jr
Frank Norin	J A T Caton
Wm Charles	J Isaacs

REPLY.

To the Ratepayers who Signed the above Requisition:

Gentlemen,—A duty that all owe to the community in which they reside, induces us to comply with your request.

We will, if elected, use our endeavours to promote the best interests of the city, and also give the many important issues which will necessarily come before the Council our most earnest consideration and assistance; notably, a system of sewerage, efficient yet economical, revision of the assessment roll so that it may be equitable, improvement of the water supply, better lighting of the city, &c., &c.

Thanking you for your expressed confidence, we are gentlemen, your respectfully

THOS. EARLE.
JOHN BRADEN.
JOHN GRANT.

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REQUISITION.

Councillors Johnson Street Ward.

To Messrs. B. W. Pearse, W. McKay, Orlando Warner.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, request your permission to nominate you as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward for the ensuing year.

There is a prevailing feeling that the coming Council should be composed of men of business capacity, capable of dealing with important issues, and we feel assured that the majority of ratepayers have confidence in your ability, public spirit and fitness for the position. Should you be pleased to accept our nomination we will use our best exertions to return you.

R Finlayson	Wm J Stephens
A J Langley	John Work
H L Jones	C T Penwill
T H Tye	H Brown
J H Todd	Andrew Gray
J H Turner	H Harold
Thos F Wilson	Wm Wyllie
Chas W Wilson	Thos Pearson
H F Heisterman	J Mapden
Henry Rudge	E C Sheppard
John Dooley	H A Ciappezzoni
J W Griffiths	Wm Denny
W Allen	And 43 others

REPLY.

Victoria, 20th Dec., 1884.

To Messrs. Finlayson, Langley and others:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, having been asked to allow ourselves to be put in nomination as Councillors for Johnson Street Ward, beg to say that we are willing to stand as Councillors for this Ward for the coming year, and if elected we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to promote the best interests of the city. We remain yours obediently,

B. W. PEARSE.
WILLIAM McKAY.
ORLANDO WARNER.

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Estate of Michel Camsusa, Deceased.

Creditors are requested to send their claims and Debtors to pay their accounts forthwith, to Messieurs L. E. Erb and J. Coigdarripe, Victoria, the Executors of the estate of the deceased.

J. ROLAND HETT,
Solicitor for the Executors.

Langley St., Victoria, December 23, 1884.

Estate of Thomas Rabson, Deceased.

Creditors are requested to send their claims, and debtors to pay their accounts, forthwith, to Mr. Henry Cogan, Metchosin, or to Mr. C. B. Rabson, Comox, the Executors of the will of the deceased.

J. ROLAND HETT,
Solicitor for the Executors.

Langley St., Victoria, December 23, 1884.

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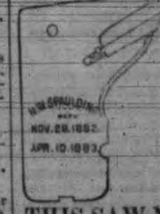

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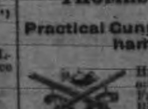

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